

**Biographical Narrative**  
**Chaplain (Colonel) Andrew L. Gibson**  
**Maine Army National Guard**

Chaplain (Colonel) Andrew L. Gibson has served in the Maine Army National Guard for twenty five years. At present, Chaplain Gibson is the Joint Forces Headquarters-Maine Chaplain and the Director of Deployment Cycle Support. He has worked as a Brigade Level Chaplain, a Battalion Chaplain, a Chaplain Candidate, and as a Chaplain Assistant.

In both of his current roles, he oversees the spiritual needs for the soldiers and military families of the Maine Guard; coordinates a team of State, Federal, and private mental, behavioral, and physical health professionals who provide support to our service members, veterans and military families; taught seminars on military culture and reintegration issues; and serves on the Adjutant General's full time staff.

He was deployed with the 240<sup>th</sup> Engineer Group to Afghanistan from January of 2006 through April of 2007, as the Combined Task Force Chamberlain chaplain, supervising up to 13 subordinate chaplains and serving nearly 5,000 soldiers. In 1997, he was one of the first two National Guard Chaplains to ever be deployed as individual replacements to a Hostile Fire Zone, serving in Bosnia under the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. He has also done shorter missions in Guatemala, Montenegro, and Canada.

His military education includes: the Army Senior Service College Harvard Fellowship, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Chaplain Officer Advanced Course, and the Army Chaplain Officer Basic Course.

His awards include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with Silver OLC, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 "M" Devices and Silver hour glass, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (2), NATO Medal with bronze star device

Chaplain Gibson is ordained in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, and served First Congregational Church, Pittsfield, Maine from 1992 through 2003. He holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Bangor Theological Seminary, and a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Studies from the University of the State of New York.. Andy and his wife of 29 years, Nancy, live in Pittsfield, Maine with their Niece, Emma. Andy and Nancy also have three grown children; Daniel, Craig, and Kelly.